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For: DIFFRACTION GRATING, METHOD OF
PRODUCING IT, METHOD OF
DUPLICATING IT, OPTICAL HEAD
DEVICE EMPLOYING IT AND OPTICAL
DISK DRIVE APPARATUS EMPLOYING
THE OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 46 of this paper.